



## Other Accommodation Services

### Living in Wellington

Wellington is home to many theatres, cafés, museums, festivals, restaurants and shops. Situated alongside a spectacular harbour surrounded by hills and beautiful scenery, it is also the cultural heart of New Zealand.

Flatting offers freedom, independence, economical-living and responsibility. The Wellington region provides a variety of housing options including family homes, apartments, townhouses and old houses which have been converted to flats. Bed-sits, studios, private board and furnished rooms are also available.

The best time to begin looking for rental accommodation is between December and January. You may need to pay rent over part of summer in order to secure a flat from February.

### Wellington Accommodation

New Zealand's capital city, Wellington, is an experience that will reveal the creative, political and cultural nature of New Zealand, but still provide blockbuster scenery.

Wellington, New Zealand, offers a selection of accommodation to suit most budgets. Wellington accommodation includes hotels, apartments, resorts, camping grounds and backpackers. Select accommodation in Wellington check website <http://www.tourism.net.nz/region/wellington/accommodation/>

### Comparing Rates

The following are online travel and accommodation agents or networks. You can compare deals, read reviews and book last minute accommodation at reasonable rates.

Accommodation Networks	
NZ Tourism Online	<a href="http://www.tourism.net.nz/region/wellington/accommodation">www.tourism.net.nz/region/wellington/accommodation</a>
Positively Wellington	<a href="http://www.wellingtonnz.com/accommodation">www.wellingtonnz.com/accommodation</a>
Department of Housing and Building	<a href="http://www.dbh.govt.nz/landlords-getting-started">http://www.dbh.govt.nz/landlords-getting-started</a>
Accommodation Online	<a href="http://www.accomline.com/hotels.reservations/wellington.htm">www.accomline.com/hotels.reservations/wellington.htm</a>
Day Out	<a href="http://www.dayout.co.nz/search/results.aspx?region=Wellington">http://www.dayout.co.nz/search/results.aspx?region=Wellington</a>
CheaperThanHotels	<a href="http://www.cheaperthanhotels.co.nz/New-Zealand/wellington">www.cheaperthanhotels.co.nz/New-Zealand/wellington</a>

## Cost of Flatting

The average price for a bedroom is approximately \$150 per week for 2010, plus expenses (share of food, power, phone and internet). Here is a sample budget for a flat of 3-4 students:

<b>+ SET-UP COSTS</b>	
Bond - Normally 2 weeks' rent but it can be 1-4 weeks. This is paid to the landlord who then lodges this with Tenancy Services.	
Connection charges - For power, phone, internet and satellite TV.	
Furniture - Purchase of basic furnishings and whiteware/appliances.	
<b>+ WEEKLY COSTS</b>	
Rent	\$150
Power	\$20
Phone/Internet	\$20
Groceries	\$70
Public Transport (average)	\$40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$300</b>

Other costs can include insurance for belongings, covering rent if a vacancy occurs, property damage, snacks/lunches, text books, mobile phone top-ups, clothing, medical expenses, entertainment, etc.

## Housing Advice

Tenancy Service	<a href="http://www.tenancy.govt.nz/tenancy-index">www.tenancy.govt.nz/tenancy-index</a>
Housing New Zealand	<a href="http://www.hnzc.co.nz/">www.hnzc.co.nz/</a>
Citizen Advice Bureau	<a href="http://www.cab.org.nz/">www.cab.org.nz/</a>
Legal Services Agency	<a href="http://www.lsa.govt.nz/">www.lsa.govt.nz/</a>
Wellington People's Centre	<a href="http://www.wellingtonpeoplescentre.wellington.net.nz">www.wellingtonpeoplescentre.wellington.net.nz</a>
Wellington Community Law Centre	<a href="http://www.communitylaw.org.nz/Wellington.58.0.html">www.communitylaw.org.nz/Wellington.58.0.html</a>

If you are experiencing tenancy issues or if you and the other party cannot come to an agreement on the situation then the next step may involve putting in an application to:

Tenancy Tribunal - If between tenant and landlord, or  
Disputes Tribunal - If between tenant and tenant/other party.

## Related Links

Here are some other sites you can check out for more accommodation listings:

- [TradeMe](http://www.trademe.co.nz/Browse/Rentals/) [www.trademe.co.nz/Browse/Rentals/](http://www.trademe.co.nz/Browse/Rentals/)
- [FlatFinder](http://www.flatfinder.co.nz/) [www.flatfinder.co.nz/](http://www.flatfinder.co.nz/)
- [NZFlatmates](http://www.nzflatmates.co.nz/) [www.nzflatmates.co.nz/](http://www.nzflatmates.co.nz/)
- [RealEstate](http://www.realestate.co.nz/) [www.realestate.co.nz/](http://www.realestate.co.nz/)
- [EasyRoommate](http://www.nz.easyroommate.com/) [www.nz.easyroommate.com/](http://www.nz.easyroommate.com/)
- [NZFlats](http://www.nzflats.co.nz/) [www.nzflats.co.nz](http://www.nzflats.co.nz/)
- Locanto <http://wellington.locanto.co.nz/>
- Gum Tree <http://wellington.gumtree.co.nz/>

Rentals are also listed in our local newspaper, The Dominion Post, on Wednesday and Saturday editions. Many real estate companies also list on their websites.